

ENERGY STREAMLINING TASK FORCE PROJECT SUMMARY

Name: Spent Nuclear Storage Facility Application (Skull Valley, Utah)

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Entity Proposing Project: Private Fuel Storage LLC (McClure, Gerard & Neuenschwander submitted comments)

Category of Project: Nuclear (storage)

Agencies that must be consulted and agencies from which approval is needed:

Federal: Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) – application pending for storage facility
Bureau of Land Management (BLM) – application pending for right of way across federal lands to construct railroad to serve facility; requires amendment of Pony Express Resource Management Plan, which requires study from Defense Department
Defense Department – required to conduct a study and report to Congress on the impact on military operations from any proposed land designation changes to land adjacent or near the Utah Test and Training Range (UTTR), Dugway Proving Ground or beneath Utah National Defense airspace

Reasons for bringing project to the task force's attention: would like the Defense Department to immediately undertake the required study and report to Congress within a reasonable time; Private Fuel has provided their analysis of potential impacts on defense activities and supporting documents to the Air Force, which concluded that there should be no effect on Air Force operations or use of UTTR; Air Force sent a letter to the NRC on September 15, 2000 recommending that the final EIS “publicly state that there is no foreseeable reason why the facility owners or the NRC should ever require or seek any changes in the operation of the UTTR.”